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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner that the Japanese patent JP 11-55215 corresponds to the European patent EP 0 849 958.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

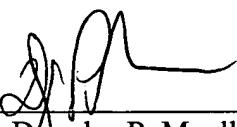
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	EP 0 849 958	Jun. 1998	European Patent Office				
	JP 11-55315	Feb. 1999	Japan				
	JP 11-144378	May. 1999	Japan			Abstract / Partial	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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